

MINUTES
of the Municipality of West Perth Council Meeting
on Monday, January 23, 2006
at 7:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers
Municipality of West Perth

Present: All members were present, except Don Jones (Ross McIntosh, 7:10 pm)
Staff: Pat Taylor, Clerk-Administrator; Mike Kraemer, Operations Manager; Barb Westlake-Power, Deputy Clerk
Others as noted in the Minutes

1. Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Motion: 021-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the follow items be added to the agenda:

1. Minutes of the Water & Wastewater meeting, dated January 23, 2006
2. Minutes of the Move Committee Report

And that By-law 007-2006 be removed from the agenda.

Carried

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared

3. Delegations

i) Tom Prout, ABCA, was in attendance to present an overview to Council of the Authority's 2006 budget, and also offer information regarding the 60th Anniversary plans. Mr. Prout summarized the current projects of the ABCA including: spring & fall tree planting, grant programs (ABCA works actively with property owners to secure grants wherever possible), education programs, Regulation 97/04 (working with Maitland Valley Conservation Authority), Clean Water Act, etc. It was noted that the 2006 Budget has a projected 3.3% general levy increase; a more substantial project increase (pro-rated); an overall increase projection of 10.7%. There was question regarding the sinkhole study – the report is to be expected this spring.

ii) The West Perth Library Board made a presentation, with Charles Fitzsimmons as spokesperson, assisted by Ken Ahrens and Dave Talbot. Also in attendance were:
Staff: Caroline Shewburg, Janice Davey and Sherri Seimon;
Board Members: Nancy Poppe, Susan Cameron, and Murray Bartje

Former Board members & interested patrons: Agnes Gaffney, Patti Walker, Ed Frymire, Rose Carew, Brenda Talbot and Bill Vock

The Delegation presented to Council a proposed addition for the West Perth Library, at its current location. There was much detail explained regarding the need for this expansion due to the current space constraints, and related accessibility issues. The Board has concern with these issues of lack of space and lack of accessibility and feel the only way to address them is to expand the current facilities. In addition, the Board made specific reference to consideration to relocate – there is not a suitable facility currently available and there is concern regarding the removal of the facility from the civic-core. There

was discussion regarding the proposal, funding, estimated costs, etc. There was specific notation regarding the Board not being opposed to participating in fundraising, however noted that their abilities were somewhat limited in this regard (ie. as compared to Ritz Lutheran Villa, for example).

- iii) A delegation of employees (Rick Vivan, Barb Westlake-Power, Bob MacLean, Karen McLagan and Bob McLean) was in attendance to further discuss with Council the matter of the employees' group insurance benefits. It was noted that the employees had met as a group (twice), and had received a presentation from the Insurance provider and agent/broker. There were several matters that the employees requested clarification on. There was extensive discussion, including individual, personal comments from each member of Council in attendance. Clarification was provided to the members, as to the current level of coverage(s), as the members seemed unaware of the current coverage.

4. Adoption of Minutes

- i) Minutes of the January 9, 2006 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: 022-06

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Minutes of the January 9th, 2006 Regular Council meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- i) County of Perth - Business Retention and Expansion Program was further discussed. Additional information was circulated from the CAO. Council indicated that the critical step of the program would be the follow-up required.

Motion: 023-06

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Council of West Perth hereby approves participation in the County Business Retention and Expansion program (through Rural Economic Development Program), for the year 2006, with a contribution of \$10,000.00 to be included in the 2006 West Perth Budget.

Carried

- ii) Follow-up information regarding drainage questions at the January 9th meeting was circulated for the information of Council; there were no additional questions.

6. Planning

- i) Planning Advisory Minutes, dated January 11, 2006. Mr. Larry Muegge was in attendance, as he had an application before the Planning Advisory Committee. There were no additional questions regarding the application.

Motion: 024-06

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Ruth Fiebig

THAT the Planning Advisory Committee meeting Minutes dated January 11, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- ii) Declaration, Re: Z79-2005 (Loblaws Properties Limited) – no appeals filed (*not circulated)

Motion: 025-06

Moved by: Darryl Seigner
Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon
THAT Planning Correspondence be noted and filed.
Carried

7. Drains

- i) Petition for maintenance, Section 74 Branch A, Smith Drain,
Re: Lot 26 & 28, Con. 3 Fullarton

Motion: 026-06

Moved by: Walter McKenzie
Seconded by: Barb MacLean
THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth approves the
petition under Section 74 of the Drainage Act for maintenance on the
Smith Municipal Drain, Branch A, affecting Lot 26 and 28 of Con 3,
Fullarton, and forward to the Drainage Superintendent – Wm. Dietrich.
Carried

- ii) Notice of Information meeting, Re: Reaney Shaw Municipal
Drain, January 18, 2006
iii) Notice of Information meeting, Re: A Drain of the Canada
Company Municipal Drain – Huron East
iv) Notice of Information meeting, Re: Cronin Municipal Drain –
Huron East

8. Correspondence

- i) **AMO**
a. Alert, January 6, 2006, Re: Preparing for the 2005
Municipal Datacall
b. Alert, January 16, 2006, Re: OMERS Update – Bill 206
ii) Province of **Ontario**
a. Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, Re: Invitation to
Family Health Team Information Sessions January 2006
iii) **Endorsement** Requests
a. Town of Greater Napanee, Re: Richmond Landfill
Expansion

Motion: 027-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Gordon Young
THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Perth supports the
Town of Greater Napanee regarding the need for the Province to allow
a municipality the right to refuse being a host to a mega landfill
facility.

Carried

- b. Township of South Stormont, Re: Support for Bill 25 (An
Act to preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of
Ontario)
iv) Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Re: Public
Information Sessions on Ontario Regulation 97/04 –
Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to
Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation
v) Habitat for Humanity, Stratford-Perth, Re: Building site for
Mitchell. The Clerk was directed to follow-up on some
information that is expected regarding Clayton Street
development.
vi) Mr. Tim Nicholson, Re: Support for the Monkton Library.
Council discussed the letter as some length, however the
consensus remained to support (financially) only one library in
the municipality, that being the Mitchell Library.

- vii) Royal Canadian Legion, Mitchell Branch, Re: Remembrance Wreath – Ward of Hibbert

Motion: 028-2006

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT West Perth Council approves the replacement of the Ward of Hibbert Remembrance Wreath, in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried

- viii) Sandra Kemp, Re: Request for use of Staffa shed – March 25, 2006

Motion: 029-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT the West Perth Council approves the request of the Hibbert United Church, for the use of the Hibbert Maintenance Shed on March 25, 2006 for the annual Maple Syrup Festival, as per previous years.

Carried

- ix) Ministry of Transportation, Re: Signage at Monkton (Logan Ward).

Motion: 030-06

Moved by: Gordon Young

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT a letter be forwarded to MTO indicating Council appreciated the Ministry's response, and that the necessary application would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Carried

- x) Community Living Stratford and Area, Re: Media Bingo License. There was discussion regarding the request; no action.

Motion: 031-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Ross McIntosh

THAT correspondence not specifically dealt with be noted and filed.

Carried

9. Presentation of Accounts

Motion: 032-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the accounts totaling \$200,567.85 be approved for payment.

Carried

10. Standing Committee Reports

11. Committee Reports

- i) Minutes of the **Committee of the Whole Council** meeting, dated January 16, 2006

Motion: 033-06

Moved by: Walter McKenzie

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated January 16, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- ii) West Perth Public **Library** Board Minutes, dated December 15, 2005

Motion: 034-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon

THAT the Minutes of the Library Committee meeting dated December 15, 2005 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- iii) **Police Services Board Minutes**, dated January 11, 2006
- iv) Minutes of the **Executive Committee** dated January 11 & January 16, 2006 (dealt with in closed session, following)
- v) Water Committee meeting minutes, dated January 23, 2006

Motion: 035-06

Moved by: Brock Sinnamon

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT Council approves and supports the proposal that the Municipalities in Perth County in the Upper Thames River Conservation watershed prepare a Threats Inventory and Issues Evaluation in the Well Head Protection Areas, and that a letter be sent to UTRCA.

Carried

Motion: 036-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Darryl Seigner

THAT the Water/Wastewater minutes dated January 23, 2006 be accepted as presented.

Carried

- vi) Move Committee Minutes, dated January 23, 2006

Motion: 037-06

Moved by: Gerry Kehl

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT we accept minutes of the Move Committee dated January 23, 2006.

Carried

Motion: 038-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig

Seconded by: Walter McKenzie

THAT the Clerk be granted permission to obtain a budget price for security system for West Perth Municipal Building.

Carried

12. By-laws

- i) By-law 005-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (new officer)
- ii) By-law 006-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (auxiliary officers)

Motion: 039-06

Moved by: Darryl Seigner

Seconded by: Gordon Young

THAT the Mover and Seconder be authorized to introduce the following by-laws to be considered read a first and second time:

- i) By-law 005-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (new officer)
- ii) By-law 006-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (auxiliary officers)

Carried

Motion: 040-06

Moved by: Brock Sinnamon

Seconded by: Larry Wight

THAT By-law 5-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (new officer) be read a third and finally passed;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal

Carried

Motion: 041-06

Moved by: Larry Wight
Seconded by: Walter McKenzie
THAT By-law 6-2006, being a by-law to authorize the opening of the West Perth OPP contract (auxiliary officers) be read a third and finally passed;
And that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and attach the Corporate Seal
Carried

13. Unfinished Business

i) Request of the Library Board

Motion: 042-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Gerry Kehl
THAT the Treasurer bring back report for possible library expansion.
Carried

14. New Business

15. Questions from the Press

16. Closed Session

Motion: 043-06

Moved by: Ross McIntosh
Seconded by: Larry Wight
THAT we move to closed session for personnel matter.
Carried

Motion: 044-06

Moved by: Ruth Fiebig
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner
THAT we rise from closed session.
Carried

Motion: 045-06

Moved by: Barb MacLean
Seconded by: Brock Sinnamon
THAT an RFP be called for a Pay Equity Plan
Carried

Motion: 046-06

Moved by: Walter McKenzie
Seconded by: Darryl Seigner
THAT Noelle Cartwright be hired as OPP Secretary @ \$14.55/hour plus 4% vacation pay, for 13 month maternity replacement position; no benefits attached.
Carried

17. Adjournment

Motion: 047-06

Moved by: Ross McIntosh
Seconded by: Larry Wight
THAT we do now adjourn, time 10:40 pm.
Carried